

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

9:00 A.M.

Room 521 House Office Building

Chairman Sheen called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Drolet, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (13/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Newell, Palmer, Jones, Zelenko. (4/17)

Representative Meyer moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Bieda** supported the motion. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 4003** before the committee.

HB 4003	Caswell	Property tax; assessments; sale of certain agricultural property; exclude from sales ratio studies under certain circumstances.
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Representative Bruce Caswell, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4003**.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4003**.

Mickey Knight, representing the Michigan Assessors Association, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 4003** but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:05 a.m.

Representative Fulton Sheen, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070